

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:04 pm. Also present were Vice Chairman Sam Mallatratt, Member David Barth, Business Manager Kimberly Mallatratt, Township Engineer Michael Reinert and Solicitor Gary Swavely. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building. Mr. Stump led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Chairperson Stump asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting. Mr. Mallatratt made that motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Barth and the motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Chairperson Stump asked for approval for the Township payment of bills. David Barth made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$77,441.65 from the General Fund, \$25,489.53 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$6,348.38 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$0 from the Liquid Fuels Fund seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was approved.

**PAYMENT OF PAYROLL:** Mr. Barth made a motion to pay payroll in the amount of \$35,302.84 seconded by Mr. Stump. Sam Mallatratt abstained from the vote per the memo on file. The motion was approved by Mr. Barth and Mr. Stump.

**PAYMENT OF TAXES AND INTERIM BILLS:** Mr. Mallatratt made a motion to pay taxes and interim bills, seconded by Mr. Barth, and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** All financial reports were reviewed and there were no questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patty Moyer – 56 Woodside Ave. – Ms. Moyer read a statement from Darlene Bartsch, the Emergency Management Coordinator that on May 29<sup>th</sup> there was no training.

**ZONING / BUILDING:**

- Steven & Lynn Hughes – Mr. Reinert stated that this is a new home construction and will require the approval and execution of a Stormwater Management Plan and Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Reinert stated that the County has already approved the E&S Plan for the property. Following a brief discussion David Barth made a motion to execute both documents, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Swavely reported that a second Status Hearing has been scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. before the Honorable Judge Bucci in the Commonwealth vs. the Alsace Manor Fire Company case.
- Resolution 2019-08 – Authorization to purchase the Alsace Manor Fire Company 2018 Freightliner and Chassis Fire Truck (tanker) from Vist Bank. Following a brief discussion David Barth made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-08 seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion passed.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Rand Drive – Mr. Mike Reinert reviewed his recommendation letter, dated May 16, 2019, in detail with the Board. He explained that this letter report followed a site visit and thorough review of records available on this roadway and associated adjoining land parcels. Mr. Reinert then covered the administrative items and continuing maintenance and upkeep that would need to be compiled following the completion and acceptance of the technical recommendations. The Board asked several questions regarding technical recommendations and who should make the corrections/repairs. Mr. Reinert stated it is a Board decision, but his recommendation was to have the property owners make the required repairs. Mr. Stump asked a question regarding the recommended core borings and how to move forward on that issue. Mr. Reinert recommended that the Homeowners Association or the individual homeowners take care of having these borings taken. The Association or group can reach out to Technicon and they can provide information on number and location of borings to be taken. Mr. Barth asked if the first cul-de-sac was going to remain part of Rand Drive or be annexed from the project. Mr. Reinert stated this cul-de-sac is potentially problematic due to grading issues and it may be best to annex this to one of the adjacent property owners. The asphalt could be removed, a subdivision plan drawn up and the property annexed. Mr. Heatwole, of Rand Drive, believes that the adjacent homeowner to this cul-de-sac would like to have this parcel annexed to his property. Mr. Heatwole asked to have a copy of the recommendation letter provided to him so that he can provide copies to the Homeowners Association for their review and action. Mr. Stump asked that they review the letter and come back to the next Board meeting with their comments. Mr. Heatwole asked if a cost estimate has been prepared for the items on the list, Mr. Reinert said not at this point as he would like to know the composition of the road through the borings prior to putting a cost estimate together.
- Sommers Road – the base repair has begun on this road. The overlay work will begin next week.
- Above-ground Storage Tank – quotes have been received to inspect and re-certify the Township tank. The quote for the inspection is \$700.00 – Proposal #10791. Mr. Stump asked for a motion to approve the execution of Proposal #10791 to inspect the tank and receive recommendations and to paint the exterior of the tank. Mr. Barth made the motion, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.
- Following the work on Sommers Road the crew will be looking at the stormwater issues in the Wedgewood Heights area.

**RECREATION BOARD** – Justine Stump stated that 124 children have signed up for the playground and there are currently 7 leaders and they are looking to hire an additional individual. We have been assigned an individual through the ResCare program as well who is scheduled to begin on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There are also 5 junior leaders who also will be receiving community service hours for their work. There have been many donations including a microwave, crafts, etc.

**SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Stump spoke with Beth Burkovitz regarding water and drainage issue on Warner Road.

Mr. Stump also discussed his concern with the pricing structures of the recycling program.

Mr. Mallatratt and Mr. Barth had nothing specific to report.

**SEWER SYSTEM UPDATE:**

Fred Ebert of Ebert Engineering provided an update on the Pricetown Road Sewer Extension project and a few modifications that were made to the plan. The modifications that have been made will have no effect on the majority of the properties. The line is proposed to run along the right-of-way along Pricetown Road and there will be no properties that will be bisected. The change that was made involves adding Alpine Lane to this expansion per a DEP requirement to have a contiguous sewer area to the township line as this was identified in the Early Needs Study. As a result of this change the Township will need to obtain an easement on Alpine Lane which is owned by the property owners of 17 Alpine Lane, Ralph and Elaine Reichard. By obtaining this easement it will allow access to seven additional properties and a potential 8<sup>th</sup> property.

The sewer extension plan is currently with the Alsace Township Planning Commission for review and the Berks County Planning Commission for review. Discussions have occurred previously between the Township and the owner of 17 Alpine Lane. In order to implement this modification, Fred is recommending that the Board pass a Resolution that if the Township and the property owner of 17 Alpine Lane can't come to an amicable resolution that the Board authorize the Township Solicitor to obtain the easement through eminent domain as it is required by DEP. This easement would overlay an existing utility easement so there will be minimal damages that will be done to the property owner. This property would need to be appraised. Obtainment of this easement is for the public use and benefit as there is no clear way to service several of these properties in another manner. This option will also allow for better long-term operations and maintenance on the sewer line by having straight piping. This Resolution will be for Tax Parcel #22532902659222, Property #30 on the provided exhibit. Mr. Swavely requested a copy of the deed to the property which Mr. Ebert provided. Mr. Swavely further clarified with Mr. Ebert that the Township will need both a permanent easement as well as a temporary construction easement, to which Mr. Ebert concurred. This design also shortens the run lines and should result in cost savings. Mr. Ebert further discussed the pipe sizes on various portions of the line. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Barth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-09 to authorize the Township to condemn a permanent right-of-way easement and a temporary construction easement on or across the subject property as described by Mr. Ebert and the Resolution would further authorize all appropriate action to take and carry out the proposed Resolution which would include authorizing Mr. Swavely to prepare all appropriate condemnation documents. Mr. Stump seconded the motion with an abstention by Mr. Mallatratt as he owns property which is part of the Sewer Extension project. The motion carried.

Ruth Ann Moyer asked a question for Bonnie Landis regarding where the line would come to her property. Mr. Ebert stated that the line will enter into the front of her property from Pricetown Road.

Mr. Stump asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Barth made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt  
Business Manager, Secretary/Treasurer